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Rolando Melgoz	Centennial Traffic Engineer	Feb 10 2021 06:07 PM	Welcome to the NTMP Meeting #1 Discussion for Orchard Road! We're glad you're here. Now that you've reviewed the meeting letter and video, it's your chance to tell us more about the concerns along your street. What are your traffic concerns along the Orchard Road? Where are pedestrians crossing? Which of the traffic toolbox items do you like or dislike for your street? Do you have any questions about the NTMP process? We look forward to hearing from you.
Heather	Schwartz	Feb 18 2021 08:13 PM	I live on East Orchard between Cook and Jackson Streets. Speeding is frequently observed at all times of the day. The stop sign at Cook and Orchard is very often disregarded. I have observed many close encounters between speeding vehicles and pedestrians, children, etc. I encourage the city to review the traffic plan for this stretch of road.
Rolando Melgoz	Centennial Traffic Engineer	Feb 19 2021 10:14 AM	Thank you for the comments Heather. From the initial neighborhood application and feedback received so far, speeding seems to be at the top of everyone's concerns. We'll see what alternatives we can propose to the neighborhood for your comment this spring.
Crystal	Stanley	Feb 23 2021 04:11 PM	<p>1) Yes speeding is a huge concern. It tends to happen in between the stop signs located at Jackson and Cook Streets. It is a safety concern for when we are exiting our driveways or kids are playing in their yards. Maximum speed is probably about the middle of that long block of road between those stop signs. It would be great if we could stop the trucks from the shopping center coming through there as well.</p> <p>2) The only device that makes sense is the speed bump located in the middle of that long stretch (3621/3661) and if more than one was placed probably one near the take off of each stop sign (around 3490/3491 and 3770/3741). In the past the sign with speed has been installed but it didn't do anything (sometimes you would see people break as it lit up but as an overall deterrent it wasn't effective).</p> <p>3) No general questions, but just as a side note there is a plan in place to replace the main waterline along our street sometime in 2021 so it wouldn't do any good to install anything until after that occurs as the street will need re-paved likely.</p>
Rolando Melgoz	Centennial Traffic Engineer	Feb 24 2021 02:25 PM	Thank you for your feedback Crystal. Yes, the section of Orchard Road between Cook and Jackson is a long wide street where drivers speed frequently. We will look at possible locations for speed humps to include in a plan alternative when we present a plan to the neighborhood this spring. We are aware of the Southgate Water District project and will coordinate our efforts with their construction, if Orchard residents approve a plan.

Rick	Elmer	Feb 27 2021 03:50 PM	<p>Speeding and ignoring stop signs is a major concern near Orchard and Jackson. We have witnessed cars going well over 50 down orchard, blowing through the stop signs and not even slowing down near the crosswalk to the high line. Depending on the direction of travel, top speeds are right around this intersection or just west. It seems that each year more and more people are out walking and utilizing the access to the high line, making it more likely that a pedestrian accident would happen at this location.</p> <p>I think a speed bump half way between Cook and Jackson makes sense. The median at Jackson and orchard would be a great way to add something to the intersection, maybe in each direction. The signage at the crosswalk is good but the addition of a raised walk or speed bump nearby would also help, since it seems like a lot of drivers disregard signs.</p>
Rolando Melgoz	Centennial Traffic Engineer	Mar 01 2021 12:03 PM	<p>Thank you Rick for the comments. Your neighborhood is physically active so we do look at bikes and pedestrians and trail accessibility. We will take all of this into consideration while designing your neighborhood's traffic calming plan alternatives. You'll get to see the alternatives this spring for another round of comments by residents.</p>
Alan	Okerman	Mar 05 2021 03:59 PM	<p>I agree with the comments already posted that speeding and ignoring the stop signs altogether is a big problem. I live at the intersection of Orchard and Cook so I have a front row seat.</p> <p>Personally I like what you did on Steele with the combination of the Median at the stop signs (Cook and Jackson for this project) in addition to a few speed humps in between.</p>
Rolando Melgoz	Centennial Traffic Engineer	Mar 05 2021 04:13 PM	<p>Thanks for the input Alan. I think I have a good idea of what our alternatives will look like when we present them to the neighborhood next month. We also received quite a few paper Discussion Forms (I'm still reading through them) with similar observations from residents.</p>
Greg	Palmer	Mar 06 2021 04:05 PM	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yes, I have safety concerns. The speeding problem occurs between the stop signs at Cook and Jackson. If the person stops at the stop sign cars traveling westbound seem to be at max speed by the 3700 block. Eastbound is at max speed by the 3500 block. Pedestrians have to walk in the street because of the lack of sidewalks between the 3600 to 4000 blocks. They may cross the street at any point. Backing out of driveways can be hazardous.</li> <li>2. A few speed bumps and ESS might help. 3600 and 3741.</li> <li>3. No</li> </ol>
Rolando Melgoz	Centennial Traffic Engineer	Mar 08 2021 09:58 AM	<p>Greg, your comments have been recorded. Thanks for your input.</p>

Kent	Jacobs	Mar 07 2021 12:19 AM	<p>We are 25 year residents on E Orchard Rd. We have had two accidents with our parked cars on the street!! The most recent was a hit and run that still cost us \$\$\$. The first totaled 3 1/2 cars, including the Mercedes that hit our van, knocking it into another car, which hit a fourth.</p> <p>1) Three speed humps as on So Steele, as long as they go the full width, almost to the gutters, so people cant drive around the ends would do a good job. One could be half way between So Steele and So Cook. Two more could be equally between So Cook and So Jackson. The eastern temporary speed hump of a few years ago was way too close to So Jackson's stop signs, which allowed for a fair bit of acceleration and speeding going west.</p> <p>2) An RRFB with a smaller curb extension (and maybe only 1/2 of the pictured device so as to not interfere with driveways?) would be good at the trail crossing near So Ash Circle Way.</p> <p>3) The Medians at So Steele and E Fox and at So Steele and E Maplewood both works really well. I would be a fan for a Median at both So Cook and So Jackson. Maybe Medians with only one side having a bump out on the south side of E Orchard Rd as there are large storm drains on the north side of the street.</p> <p>4) Since the installation of speed humps on So Steele, there has been an increase of cars using E Orchard Rd for a block, then turning right on So Cook and racing to E Caley. Maybe to avoid those speed humps? Maybe a Google Maps thing... I think that these measures would help with that.</p>
Rolando Melgoz	Centennial Traffic Engineer	Mar 08 2021 10:16 AM	<p>Thanks for your comments Kent. Sorry to hear about those hit and runs. I understand how frustrating that can be. As of now, if speed humps make it to the alternatives stage, yes, they would extend across the entire road for the exact reason you mentioned. We wouldn't want vehicles swerving around to avoid them.</p>

Ryan	Hiatt	Mar 07 2021 01:21 PM	<p>1) Yes, we are very concerned about the speeding that occurs along East Orchard Road and the safety of pedestrians, bikers, kids, and other vehicles. We routinely observe vehicles traveling very fast all along East Orchard Road between Cook and Jackson. Highest speeds are reached very quickly after stop signs and maintained throughout this entire stretch. It feels as if a very small percentage of cars adhere to the speed limit. The speeds become even more dangerous near the 3600 block due to the curve and reduced sight lines. When traveling the speed limit on East Orchard between Cook and Jackson, I have had cars pass me on multiple occasions for not traveling above the speed limit. We have also routinely witnessed cars running both stop signs at Orchard/Jackson and Orchard/Cook, some barely slowing their speeds. All of these issues make pedestrian traffic very concerning, at all crossings. We have limited our kids to the backyard for most activities, as we do not feel safe in the front of our house or on the pedestrian walkways. We have occasionally seen police cars enforcing the speed limits and stop signs, but that has had little impact on overall behavior. When traffic was rerouted to Orchard during the Long Road construction project, and even after its completion, Orchard became a more common throughfare and the frequency of speeding vehicles increased with traffic from outside the neighborhood.</p> <p>2) Our preference would be for at least two speed humps on Orchard between the Jackson and Cook intersections. We believe that one would not be enough due to the length of this stretch and the ability for vehicles to maintain high speeds with only one slowing point. Additionally, other through streets in the neighborhood have more than one as well (Steele Street and Long Road). We would much prefer speed humps to the other methods if funds are limited, in similar spacing as our neighbors have commented above. During the Long Road construction project, the electronic speed sign that was placed on Orchard between Cook and Jackson did not appear to be effective. Additionally, if the medians are going to be similar to those along Steele Street, we are concerned those will force vehicles and pedestrians into the same space, especially given the pedestrian/bike lane and no continuous sidewalks along Orchard. If the medians are used, it would be nice to have another curb to protect pedestrian and biker space.</p> <p>3) No further questions at this time.</p>
Rolando Melgoz	Centennial Traffic Engineer	Mar 08 2021 10:27 AM	Great feedback Ryan. I have recorded your comments. As our team is preparing alternatives for the neighborhood, we will keep in mind the lack of sidewalks along Orchard.

Libbi	Palmer	Mar 07 2021 07:25 PM	<p>I do have concerns about the speeding on Orchard Road. I don't know where cars are hitting their maximum speeds, but we live just east of the stop sign at Cook and we frequently hear/see cars going westbound having to slam on their brakes in order to be able to stop at the stop sign.</p> <p>One major issue I see related to pedestrian safety is that there are not continuous sidewalks the length of the street from Cook to the entrance to the canal, so pedestrians are often in the street or darting from one side of the street to the other.</p> <p>I like the idea of speed bumps. I think if there are three it would help keep speeds down. Spacing them evenly from Jackson to Cook would be good. I don't live on that end, but I doubt people can get much speed up from Jackson to Ash, but I might be wrong. I think it is important they reach all the way across the street. When there were temporary speed bumps during the Long Road construction, people would just drive around them.</p> <p>I like the idea of speed indicator signs. The one on the west side of University on Orchard seems to have slowed down traffic over there.</p> <p>I am ambivalent about medians. The medians and changes on the west side of Steele seem to just confuse people, and I frequently have to dodge cars that go straight from the right turn only lane. I don't know if adding medians at Jackson will be helpful or not, but I worry that it will just cause damage and accidents if people don't see them or try to avoid them at the last minute.</p> <p>I do not see much of a need for a pedestrian crossing at the canal entrance. If there is plenty of money, this would be fine, but it is my lowest priority.</p>
Rolando Melgoz	Centennial Traffic Engineer	Mar 08 2021 10:34 AM	<p>Thanks Libbi. That's good information to have about the WB vehicles slamming on their brakes. Maybe the width of Orchard makes it tough to see the stop sign if drivers aren't expecting it? We'll take a look at it. If speed humps make it to the alternatives, we would design them to extend the entire width of the road. And finally, all medians, curb extensions, etc. are signed.</p>
Alan	Sheley	Mar 08 2021 12:53 PM	<p>As a 43 year resident on E. Orchard Road, I am pleased to have the opportunity to provide input for this project. During that time I have seen Orchard Road evolve from a quiet, out of the way residential road to a main thoroughfare with speeds far exceeding the posted 25 mph limit. Frequent pedestrian traffic, including those attempting to cross Orchard Road on the Highline Canal trail are often ignored by motorists. In my opinion the addition of speed bumps similar to those on Steele should be placed between Cook and Jackson which seems to be the high speed area. Additionally, small round-a-bouts similar to those on Steele would possibly slow down the perpetrators. However, the most important piece of the puzzle is the presence of traffic enforcement in the area. Generally speaking motorists automatically slow down when a police car is present.</p>
Rolando Melgoz	Centennial Traffic Engineer	Mar 08 2021 05:13 PM	<p>Alan, thank you for sharing your thoughts. Your comments have been recorded. On Steele St. we installed medians and curb extensions, so no roundabouts there, but I understood what you meant. :) Thanks again.</p>